

Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 2nd, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- For Today's update, I would like to draw your attention to a prophecy from Jesus Himself recorded in Matthew's Gospel chapter 24.

Matthew 24:3-8 NIV As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" (4) Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. (5) For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. (6) You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. (7) Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines, [pestilences] and earthquakes in various places. (8) All these are the beginning of birth pains.

ASSOCIATED PRESS - NKorea threatens SKorea with nuclear war - December 13th, 2010 - SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea warned Monday that U.S.-South Korean cooperation could bring a nuclear war to the region, as the South began artillery drills amid lingering tension nearly three weeks after the North's deadly shelling of a South Korean island.

<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20101213/D9K2VUKO0.html>

HAARETZ - Report: Ex-Iran diplomat admits working toward nuclear bomb with North Korea's help - December 23rd, 2010 - Dissident Iranian official says Iran's claim that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes is a façade. - An Iranian former diplomat says Iran is working toward developing a nuclear bomb with the help of scientists from North Korea and other countries worldwide...

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/international/report-ex-iran-diplomat-admits-working-toward-nuclear-bomb-with-north-korea-s-help-1.332312>

ASSOCIATED PRESS - 2010's world gone wild: Quakes, floods, blizzards - December 19th, 2010 - Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010 - the deadliest year in more than a generation. More people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed in terrorism attacks in the past 40 years combined. "It just seemed like it was back-to-back and it came in waves," said Craig Fugate, who heads the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency. It handled a record number of disasters in 2010. "The term '100-year event' really lost its meaning this year." ... The January earthquake that killed well more than 220,000 people in Haiti is a perfect example. Port-au-Prince has nearly three times as many people - many of them living in poverty ... In February, an earthquake that was more than 500 times stronger than the one that struck Haiti hit an area of Chile that was less populated... In the summer, one weather system caused oppressive heat in Russia, while farther south it caused flooding in Pakistan that inundated 62,000 square miles, about the size of Wisconsin. That single heat-and-storm system killed almost 17,000 people, more people than all the worldwide airplane crashes in the past 15 years combined. ... No one had to tell a mask-wearing Vera Savinova how bad it could get. She is a 52-year-old administrator in a dental clinic who in August took refuge from Moscow's record heat, smog and wildfires. "I think it is the end of the world," she said.

<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20101219/D9K734E81.html>

Luke 21:28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." NIV

John 14:29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. NKJV